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Nome, Alaska

June 11th 1900

Dear Father and Mother,

I have just started a letter to ? H. C?mak stating that we have almost decided to return to our Kotzebue on Bear leaving here between July 1st and 20th. I suppose this will "surprise" you somewhat but I feel that we can hardly excuse ourselves from going if we are well enough at that time especially since we have rec'd the great encouragement of a promise of a herd of 100 reindeer for the mission. I have been expecting to be confined for several days and am getting rather impatient but am almost perfectly well. We rec'd Father's letter saying he had sent books and suppose they are on the Portland as that is said to be the first boat leaving S. F. with freight. We will be able to get them soon if they are on board we think. Seventeen vessels have already dropped anchor here the first being the steam whaler Alexander.

The 21st of May.

The Alaska was wrecked on ? beach her in a storm a few days after she anchored. No lives were lost on her but much of the freight was lost, including most of that of the Missions at ? ? Bay and Cape Pr. Of Wales. Two men from a little schooner wrecked in the storm were drowned.

Lot-jumping, shooting, and fighting are not uncommon in Nome. The sanitary conditions are very good and the typhoid will probably not rage as it did last year.

Dr. Tiedeman and wife are to attend me, she as nurse. I see my long husband coming with some fish on a string so I will close for the present. Leaving soon for an addition to this.

Lovingly,

Anna H. Foster

P.S. June 18th ? birthday

There was born to us a fine little daughter last Wednesday June 13th at 2:45 P.M. I am sitting up and the baby is growing fast. She has quite a lot of brown curly hair and deep blue eyes and our nurse says she is the best baby she has ever tended. A.H.F.

June 19th. I rec'd a letter from Jesse enclosing Eli?'s letter and the deed to be signed. Also a letter from Amy last eve. We will enclose the deed and Power of Atty. in this to thee as Jesse ~~speaks~~ writes favorably of coming here. Mr. Edwards, Robert's brother, and ? Jordan called here today but knew nothing of the church affairs and E saw Harry Reynolds downtown and he knew nothing. We are hoping to see Jesse and trust he will not reach here after we are gone. Tell Amy the picture of her baby is very sweet and I will write to her very soon. I think I am glad

she got through with the fever so quickly. I do not understand about Grandfather's estate money i.e. where the \$38.00 comes from as this deed calls for only 426.68. If thee can do better with the money than to leave it in the Bank at .04 do according to thy own judgement as this Power of Atty. authorizes I believe. We do not need the money here but would like to have it in a safe place and invested to the best advantage.

If Jesse does not come away perhaps thee can turn this business over to him if thee has not time to look after it. I will be satisfied with whatever either of you does.

Edward was told that Clyde Baldwin is in town and we hope he may be able to tell us more of the Whittier news. There is such a rush at the Post Office that it is impossible to get mail without standing in there along time and...

...last. The distress and turmoil here now is very serious. There is not even a place to pitch the tents of the many "cheechakos". Two men were killed last evening over a lot-jumping affair. There are said to be some cases of smallpox in town and some foals have been sent away with the black plague to be guaranteed. E. was vaccinated today and I will be in a few days. We can see the baby growing fatter every day and would not know her now to be the little blue girl that had to be brought to life with a dash of cold water on her back when she was born.

Lovingly,

Anna

P.S. June 21st.

I will put one more addition to this and hope to get it off today. The box of books came yesterday. They are in perfect condition and we are very much pleased with them in every way. They came on the "San Pedro" and the freight was one dollar. We think of calling the baby Vivian Foster. She gave us a little scare by taking a cold a day or two ago but is much better now. Edward sends love. I am able to be up but we still keep the ?. We had a second Power of Atty. made as we thought there might be a doubt...

June 23rd.

Rec'd a letter from Martha and one from Lizzie today. Mail goes tonight.

Lovingly,

Anna